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In that report, they envisioned 2.7 million jobs being created in the United States. Then they had to walk away from it. And they want to make credibility an issue?

They also in that report cited manufacturing would now be defined as flipping hamburgers. And, again, they would like to make credibility an issue.

Since we have decided to make credibility an issue, I would like to say that not only does this administration have a big fiscal deficit; it has a huge credibility deficit.

Let me give some other highlights of the issue of credibility.

One month steel tariffs are on; the next month steel tariffs are off. There was \$3.5 billion in new police funding, and yet the President's budget cuts \$1 billion from the police funding. Prescription drugs one month cost \$400 billion, the next month, with nothing changed, not a single benefit, we send a bill to the taxpayers for \$550 billion. And they want to make credibility an issue.

Now, I am not the one to give advice to this administration, or unsolicited advice; but if the President or this administration thinks we are going to cut Social Security to pay for tax cuts for the wealthy, I got a bridge over the Tigris they can buy. Let me say this: the only people that think that is a good economic plan are pioneers and rangers who think cuts in Social Security is what this economy needs so we can pay for tax cuts for the well-off.

What we need is a President who wakes up every day and who rolls up his sleeves as he goes into the Oval Office and thinks about the American workers, their families, and their values, not somebody who, for a press headline, announces a manufacturing czar and 5 months later, 250,000 jobs later that have disappeared, has that position remaining unfilled. That is not an administration that every day sees the American family and its values at the center of what it does in the Oval Office.

I only wish that they would spend as much time thinking about the American family, their values, their children, their jobs, their health care, their security, and their retirement security as the focus they give to those on K Street and the lobbyists in this town.

On policy after policy this administration says one thing and they do another, and yet they have the gall to say credibility will be an issue.

So to quote one Senator: If they would like credibility to be an issue this election year, Democrats say, bring it on.

#### GREAT WORK BEING DONE BY THE 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION OF FORT DRUM, NEW YORK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, we hear so much information here in this House, and this evening is no exception. I wanted to pick up a little bit on the point that the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE) made in his remarks here a few moments ago.

Mr. Speaker, of course both sides of the House have not only the right but they have the obligation to speak up when they believe things are not right. And it is an election season, so we are hearing a lot of political discourse and rhetoric. The gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE) got up and spoke very eloquently to that fact, that perhaps what we hear is not always aligned with what in fact is happening on the ground.

The gentleman from Nebraska spoke about his travels to Iraq and Afghanistan. And, indeed, just 2 weeks ago I took a trip to Iraq and Afghanistan. It was my second trip into the country of Iraq, but my first to the country of Afghanistan. And, Mr. Speaker, I want to point out that as far as the talk we hear going on here on the floor of the House, yes, it is our right and indeed our obligation to speak out, but we know or at least we should know that words have consequences. And the words spoken here in this House do resonate around the country; and in fact they resonate around the world, and they are picked up frequently by our troops fighting for our freedom overseas.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I would never question anyone's motives or question anyone's patriotism, but at the same time I just cannot help to point out how a few weeks going to Iraq and Afghanistan I did have the chance to see what was happening there on the ground. The 4th Infantry Division captured Saddam Hussein in December, and in an effort to minimize the importance of that singularly important feat, we will hear people say, well, it is not that important; it, in fact, does not make us any safer here at home. Mr. Speaker, let me say tonight that I firmly believe that that event was important and indeed we are safer here at home because that man is in custody. But, again, in an effort to minimize the importance of that event, we will hear the talk over and over again that it does not really matter.

The other thing we will hear is that we have not finished the job in Afghanistan. Well, Mr. Speaker, just like the gentleman from Nebraska, I want to take a minute tonight and talk about what I saw going on in the country of Afghanistan and the great work that is being done by the 10th Mountain Division out of Fort Drum, New York.

Mr. Speaker, General Austin in Afghanistan, the commander of the 10th

Mountain Division, spoke to us there as part of our briefing, and he shared a picture with us. He shared a picture with us that was so dramatic and so impressive that I asked their permission to bring it back and show it on the floor of the House, and we can see it here beside me.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, I was anxious to share this picture with the whole country. This is a picture of what our guys in Afghanistan are doing to end the war on terror in that country, to reclaim that country for its people, and, in the end, make us safer here at home.

Here we see some of our young soldiers and a man that is being escorted into a helicopter. This man, I do not remember whether he was a Taliban or al Qaeda or just a member of one of the warlord tribes there, but he thought he was relatively safe on that house on a steep mountainside. He could see anybody coming up after him, and he was pretty comfortable there in his belief that there was no way he could be apprehended.

So sitting by his campfire one morning and taking his morning meal, he was visited by our troops from the 10th Mountain Division. They were able to encircle him and surprise him. And then to get him back to where he needed to be, they landed half a helicopter on his house. And we see him there being helped into the back of the helicopter to be brought back to face whatever charges awaited him.

Mr. Speaker, this is a dramatic photo, and it shows what lengths our fighting men and women will go to in order to end the conflict in Afghanistan. And I believe they are well on the way to ending that conflict. In fact, Mr. Speaker, I would go so far as to say as soon as the snow melts out of the passes in the mountains on the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan, we are very likely to see the beginning of the end for those groups who mean to harm our troops and harm innocent Afghan citizens and those individuals who want to prevent the return of civil society to Afghanistan.

So, Mr. Speaker, I know it is a little off the point from what we hear here on the floor of the House night after night after night, but in fact there are some good things going on in the world. Our troops are doing a masterful job on the ground both in Iraq and Afghanistan. I am proud of them. I am proud of our country.

Once again, I want to point out the dramatic aspect of this photo. Think of the risk that that pilot is taking to apprehend that individual and bring him to justice, the loadmaster in the back of the aircraft that essentially landed that half a helicopter on that man's roof. I can imagine the surprise of this individual as he was brought into United States custody.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ROTHMAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.